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The amendment filed Dec. 30, 2003 proposes amendments to claim 8 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required. Claim 8 should be completely underlined and should not include any deleted matter in brackets since this claim does not appear in the patent.

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